



# Office of Parks and Recreation

## Street Tree Request Form

Complete this form and return it to: Office of Parks and Recreation  
City of Binghamton  
38 Hawley Street  
Binghamton, NY 13901

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Parks and Recreation at (607) 772-7017

**Directions:** Please rank your top choices marking them with a 1 or 2.

**If there are utility lines above the utility strip, select from the list of smaller trees.**

Descriptions of the trees are on the back of this form.

Quantity Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

*A property with a frontage of fifty (50) feet or less will be restricted to one (1) tree. Properties with frontages greater than fifty (50) feet may receive a maximum of two (2) trees per property. To request trees of different species, please submit two forms stapled together—one for each tree.*

Larger Trees

\_\_\_ London Planetree

\_\_\_ Hackberry

Smaller Trees

\_\_\_ Hophornbeam

\_\_\_ Serviceberry

I would like to request that a tree be planted on the public utility strip at the address listed below. I understand that the City of Binghamton will have Dig Safely NY, Underground Facilities Protection Organization (UFPO) assess the site to determine the feasibility of planting a tree, there is no charge for the tree or the UFPO assessment. The City is responsible for removal if the tree becomes diseased or dies.

*Resident or Property Owner:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Property Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Street trees are defined as trees planted between a street curb and sidewalk. After the Parks & Recreation Department receives this request, staff will inspect the location to determine whether it is an appropriate and safe location for a tree to be planted and determine which species of tree is best suited for the location. Planting of street trees is ONLY done in the fall and is dependent upon available funding. Completing this application does not guarantee you will receive a street tree.*

## **TREE DESCRIPTIONS**

*(pictures not to scale)*

### **LARGER TREES**



**LONDON PLANETREE:** This is a good street tree, with an open and spreading form at maturity. It has distinctive bark—red-brown scales flake to show cream-colored inner bark. It grows to between 70-100 feet at maturity, with a spread of 65-80 feet and has yellow-brown fall foliage. (W)



**HACKBERRY:** This tree has an elm-like shape and is a forgiving urban tree, tolerant of most soil and moisture conditions. Hackberry forms a rounded “vase” reaching a height of 40 – 80 feet, grows rapidly, and transplants easily. Its small berry-like fruit turns from orange red to purple and is relished by birds. (W)

### **SMALLER TREES**



**SERVICEBERRY:** This North American native is a hardy small ornamental tree with an airy appearance. It produces an abundance of white flowers in the spring and berry-like fruits that are edible to birds. At maturity, this tree reaches 25 feet in height with a spread of 20 feet. Its leaves turn a golden-orange in the fall. (N/W)



**HOPHORNBEAM:** Native to the Eastern U.S. this low maintenance, resilient tree makes a good urban street tree. It reaches a height of 25-40 feet with a spread of 20-30 feet. It produces ¼-inch nutlets that are enclosed in a dried, leafy sac that resemble hops, hence its name. Its leaves turn a very vibrant yellow in the fall. (N/W)

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(W) = Wide Utility Strip Required

(N/W) = Narrow or Wide Utility Strip Acceptable